

other for working together. Before I left for Africa, I told the American people that it was in our interest to help Africa grow and blossom and reach its full potential. I believe that.

I want to thank the Members of the United States House of Representatives who are on this trip with me for their leadership in the passage in the House of the “African Growth and Opportunity Act.” I am committed to the swift passage of that act in the United States Senate and to signing it when I return home. I am very pleased that our Overseas Private Investment Corporation will be targeting half a billion dollars for infrastructure investment in sub-Saharan Africa.

Third, we have agreed to work together to banish genocide from this region and this continent. Every African child has the right to grow up in safety and peace. We condemn the perpetrators of the continued atrocities in Rwanda and pledge to work together to end the horrors of this region. That means reviving the U.N. Arms Flow Commission; acting on the recommendations of the OAU study on the Rwandan genocide and its aftermath; encouraging accelerated progress in bringing criminals against humanity to justice; denying safe havens or services to extremist organizations; and developing durable justice systems that are credible, impartial, and effective. Our efforts come too late for yesterday’s victims. They must be in time to prevent tomorrow’s victims.

Here today—and this is very important—we have pledged to find new ways to work together to solve conflicts before they explode into crises and to act to stop them more quickly when they do.

We have pursued our discussion in a spirit of candor and mutual respect, and I want to

thank all the participants for being honest and open in our conversations. America shares a stake in Africa’s success, as I’ve said. If African nations become stronger, as they surely will, if they become more dynamic, as they clearly are, we can become even better partners in meeting our common challenges. Your stability, your security, your prosperity will add to our own. And our vitality can and must contribute to yours.

I’ve learned a lot here in Entebbe today, listening and remembering. The lessons I have learned on this trip I will carry back to Washington, as I’m sure the rest of our delegation will. We’ve agreed to build on this summit with regular, high-level meetings. We will look for results of our efforts not only in statements like this one today, with very high visibility, but in quiet places far from the halls of government, in communities and households all across our countries, where ordinary men and women strive each day to build strong families, to find good jobs, to pass on better lives for their children. They are the reason we are here. And it is because of them that we all leave Entebbe determined to put our partnership into practice, to make our dreams and ideals real.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 7:15 p.m. at the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel. In his remarks, he referred to President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of Uganda; President Daniel T. arap Moi of Kenya; Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia; President Pasteur Bizimungu of Rwanda; President Benjamin William Mkapa of Tanzania; President Laurent Desire Kabila of the Democratic Republic of Congo; and Secretary General Salim Ahmed Salim of the Organization of African Unity.

Remarks During a Visit to the Victoria Mxenge Housing Project in Cape Town, South Africa

March 26, 1998

The President. Thank you very much. Madam Mayor, Patricia, thank you all for making us feel so welcome.

I really didn’t have a choice about coming here because my wife said to me when she got home one year ago from South Africa, she

said, “You will not believe this housing project I visited. These women are building their own houses. They’re saving their own money. They’re moving out of shacks and shanty villages into nice neighborhoods with good houses and a

good future for their children, and they're helping themselves. And I want you to go and see it."

And perhaps you have this situation in your family, but when Hillary says she wants me to go and see something, that means: You are going to see this at the first moment. *[Laughter]*

So we got in late last night, and we got up this morning, and we came out here. I thank Mrs. Mbeki back there for showing us her home. Thank you, ma'am, and congratulations to you on your nice home. And I thank the ladies who are here who let me visit their construction project. And I said almost 30 years ago I actually spent the whole summer building houses. And when I was out helping you I realized it's pretty hard work, and that's why I went into politics, so I wouldn't have to work so hard anymore. *[Laughter]*

Let me also say, on a serious note, I believe what you are doing here—building your homes, saving for them, taking a small amount of money, and building a very nice house—should be a model for people who don't have a lot of money all over Africa and all over the world. If you can do it here, then in villages all over the world, people can do the same thing.

And I came here today partly in the hope that through the coverage from—

[At this point, there was a gap in the transcript due to an incomplete audiotape. The balance of the President's remarks are joined in progress.]

The President. —that all over the world people will see what you are doing in this neighborhood and say, "I want my neighborhood to be like that. I want my children to live in good homes. I want them to have a good future. I want people to believe that they can do better with their lives." And we intend to support you.

Today I'm pleased to announce that our United States AID program, which supports projects like this, will spend another \$3 million this year to try to help build more houses to make more success stories so we can see more people like Mrs. Mbeki and her family.

Thank you, and God bless you all. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at approximately 11:45 a.m. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor Theresa Soloman of Cape Town; and Patricia Matolengwe, director, and Veliswa Mbeki, founding member, Victoria Mxenge Housing Project. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary also included the remarks of the First Lady.

Exchange With Reporters Following Discussions With Deputy President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa in Cape Town

March 26, 1998

President's Visit

Q. Mr. President, what did you discuss, sir?

President Clinton. First of all, I thanked Mr. Mbeki on behalf of the United States for the remarkable work that he and Vice President Gore have done on their Binational Commission on a whole range of issues affecting the economy, the environment, education, and a lot of our foreign policy issues. It's been a remarkable partnership, and it owes a lot to the leadership of Mr. Mbeki—a remarkable relationship.

So we talked about that. We talked about some of the progress we are making in our long-term objectives for Africa. I reviewed my trip for him, talked about the declaration that

the heads of government and state made yesterday in Entebbe.

I pointed out that the United States has just made its first purchase—the Department of Defense has—from South Africa of a mobile demining equipment which has the interesting name of Chubby—named after me maybe. *[Laughter]* But it will help us a lot. We are increasing our budget this year for demining around the world, taking up these landmines. And President Mandela and South Africa have been leaders in the world of the movement to rid the world of landmines, and I think it's quite fitting that they have produced this great piece of equipment that we'll be able to use to take even more of the mines out of the land.